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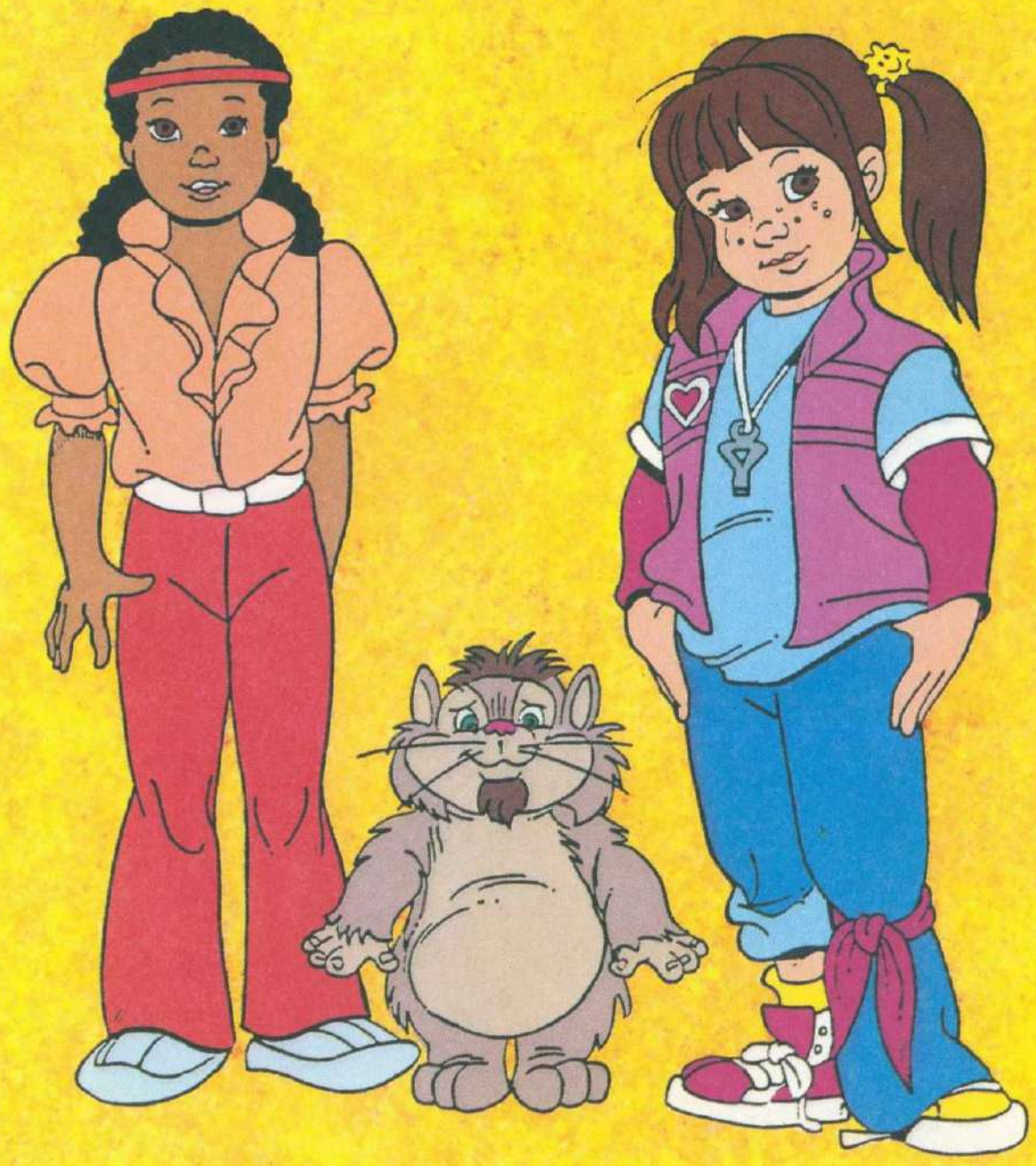

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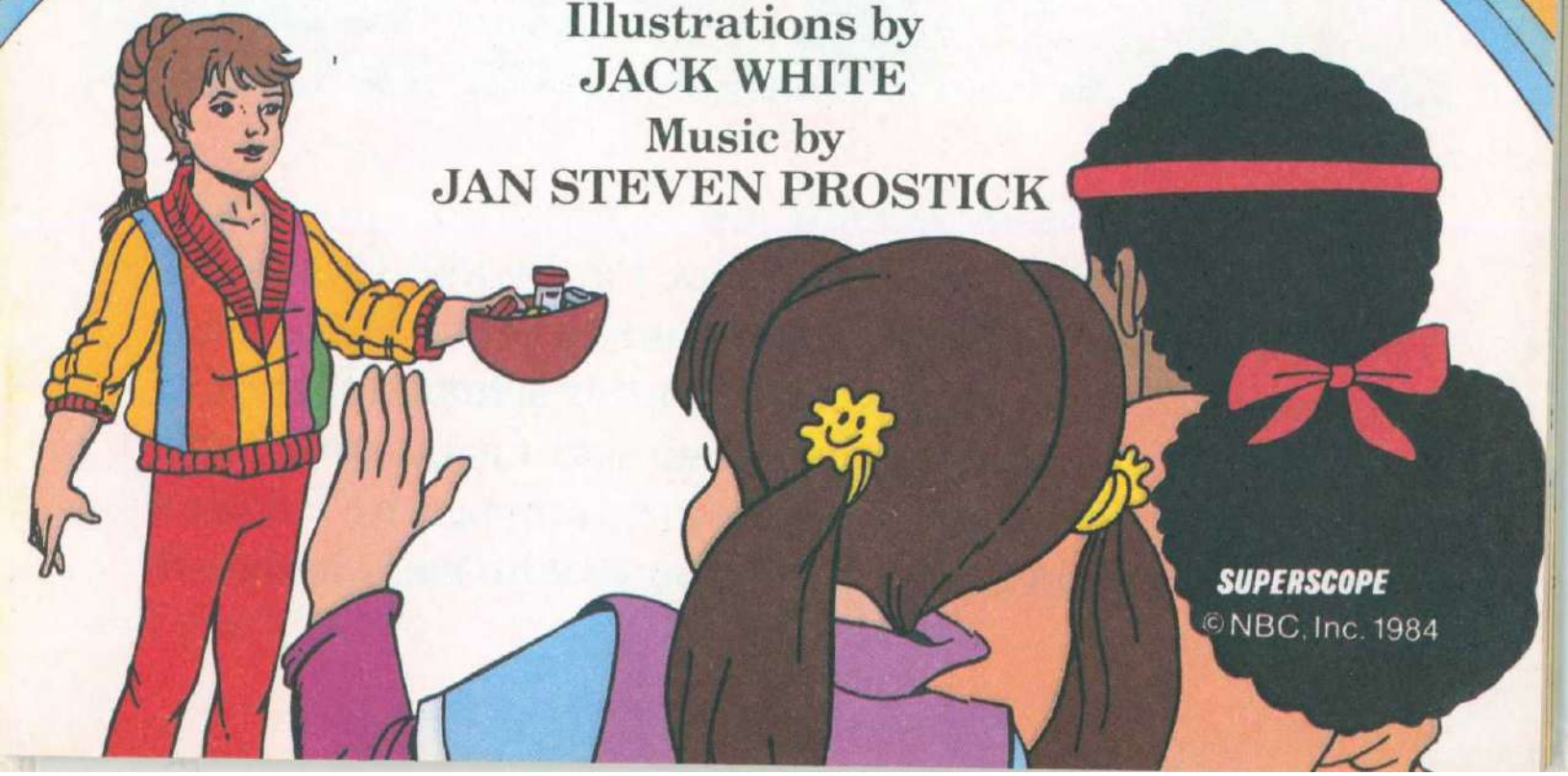

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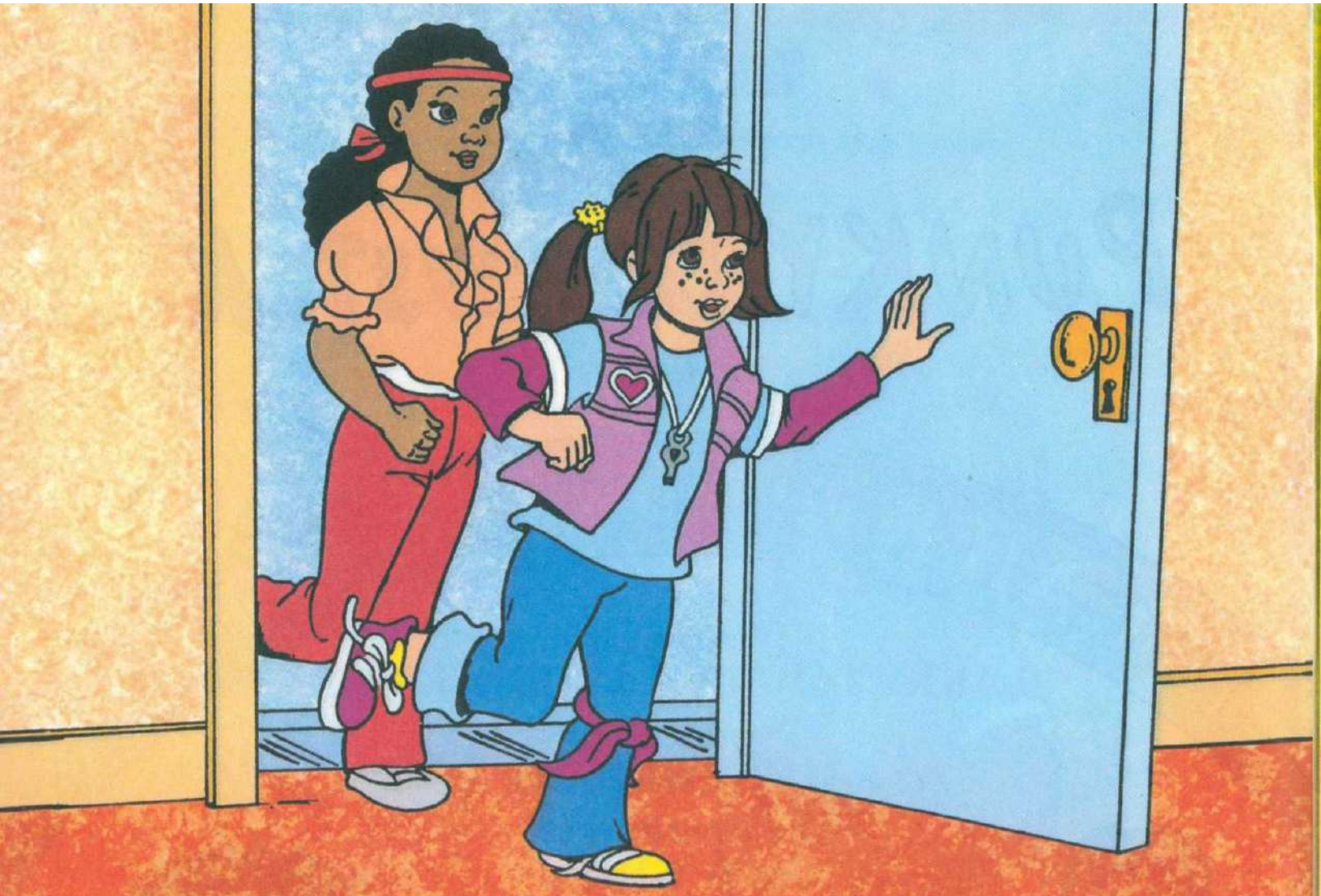
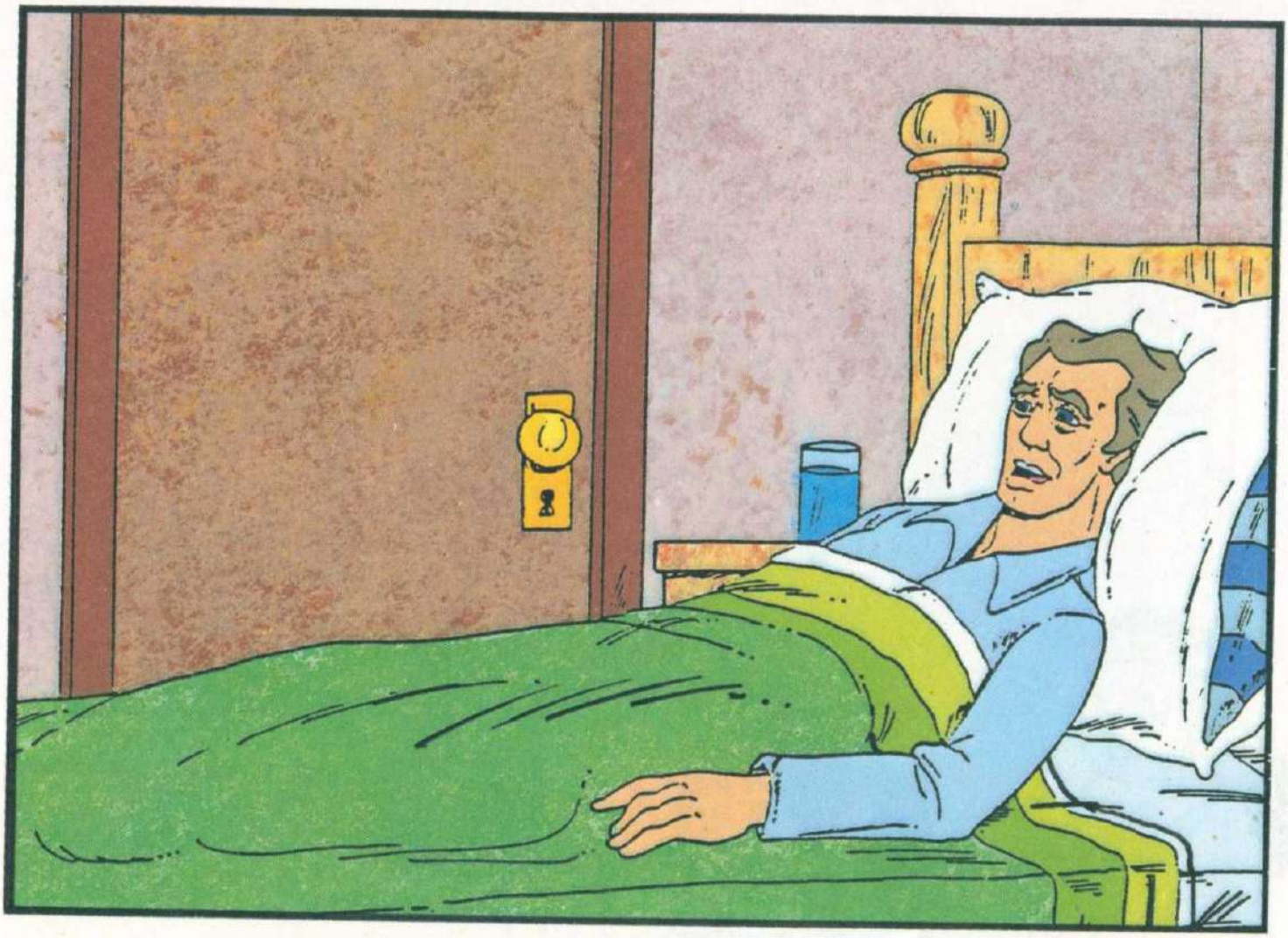


Today was a very special day for Punky and Cherie. They'd been invited to become members of the Dazzlers, a secret club which met every day after school. Most of their friends would have given their right arms to join the Dazzlers. Before the meeting the girls stopped by Punky's home to look in on Henry and Glomer who were both sick with the flu.



Henry couldn't help but hear the excited girls enter the house.

"Punky, is that you or a stampede of wild horses?"

"It's just Cherie and me, Henry."

"You two made all that noise?"

"Yeah."

"Well, try using a little less Punky Power next time, will you?" ●

"Okay…gee, Henry, you sound awful."

"I'm sick, Punky. I'm supposed to sound awful. Listen, could you get my cough medicine for me?"

"I thought I wasn't allowed to get into your medicines."

"You're not. But *this* time I'll make an exception."

While Cherie went to check on Glomer, Punky walked to the bathroom cabinet and found it filled to the brim with bottles of every kind. Not knowing which was which, she brought everything to his bed.

"Holy Macanoly, Henry! What is all this medicine for?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, Punky, I don't know. Seems as though every time I don't use up a prescription, I just throw the leftovers in the cabinet." ●

Punky helped Henry find his cough medicine. Then she told him about the Dazzlers.

"It's a superiffic club, Henry. Everyone who's anyone belongs."

"Sounds nice, Punky."

After tucking Henry in, Punky hurried to her room.

She opened her door and found Cherie and Brandon sitting with Glomer. The flu had taken its toll on him. Glomer, like all Glomleys, turned different colors when he got sick. At the moment, he was purple/pink.

"I think he's worse, Punky. He wasn't so purple this morning."

"Gee, Glomer, maybe you should have some of Henry's flu pills."

"Thank you, no, Punky. Glomleys not allowed to take wignoppers or zignappers unless given by doctor."

"How come?"

"Because easy to abuse…take when not necessary. Can be very dangerous."

"C'mon, Punky, we're gonna be late. Glomer'll be okay."

The Dazzlers always met at Andrea Harper's house while both of her parents were at work. When Punky and Cherie arrived, everyone was wearing their colorful Dazzlers jackets. Andrea quickly noticed how much Punky and Cherie were impressed.

"You guys have to *prove* you really want to become Dazzlers before we can let you in. Tomorrow we want you to bring something expensive from home and leave it with us as kind of a deposit."

"Why?"

"It'll prove that you trust us, and you're loyal to the Dazzlers."

"Well, okay, but I don't see why I need to prove anything."

"Just do it... oh, and Punky, bring some cooking wine, too."

"Are we going to cook?"

"Punky, I guarantee you'll *really* be cookin'!"

The next day at school Punky and Cherie received a lot of attention from their classmates about the Dazzlers. This made them feel very special indeed. So, of course, they gave glowing descriptions of the club.

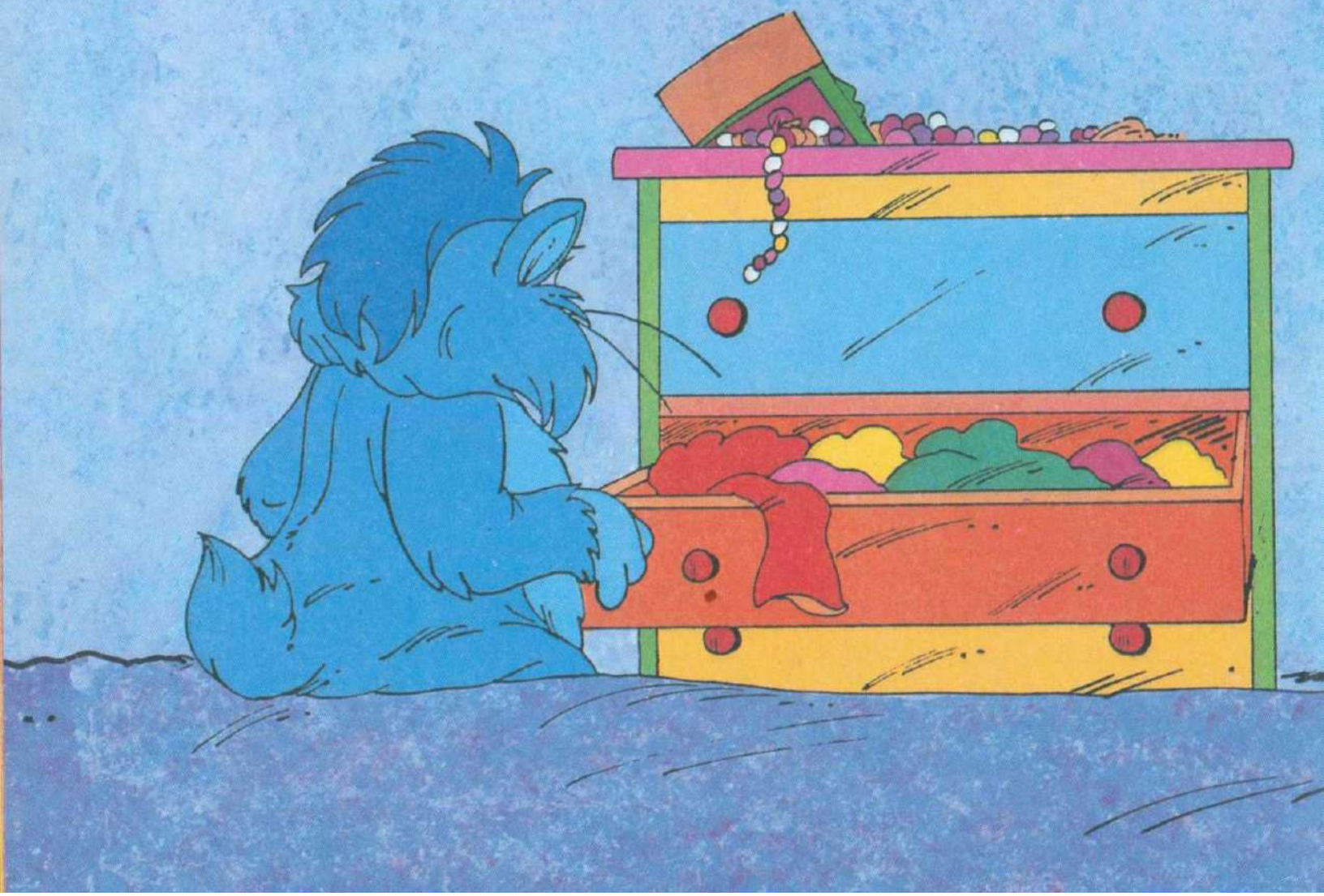
When Punky came home, she made sure Henry was okay and then went to see Glomer.

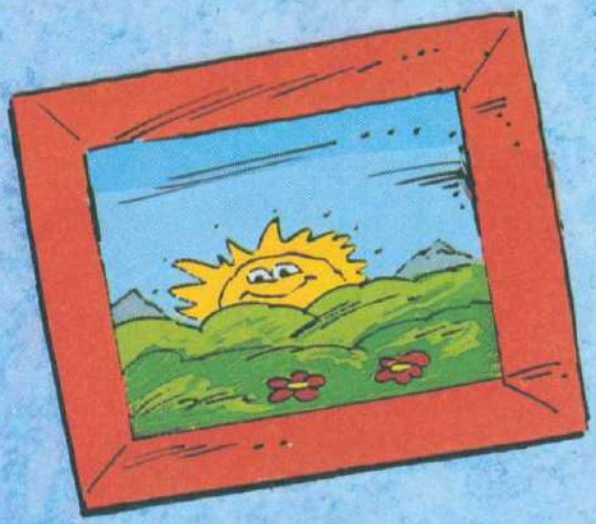
"Glomer! You're blue!"

"If lucky, me be orange by tomorrow."

"I think you'd make a better Dazzler than me."

Punky started to search her room for something to bring to the meeting.





"What you look for, Punky?"

"Something expensive. Cherie and I have to bring it today."

"Why?"

"So Andrea will know we want to be Dazzlers more than anything else... I know! I'll borrow one of Henry's camera lenses."

"Punky...!"

"It'll be okay. I'll return it soon so he probably won't even miss it."

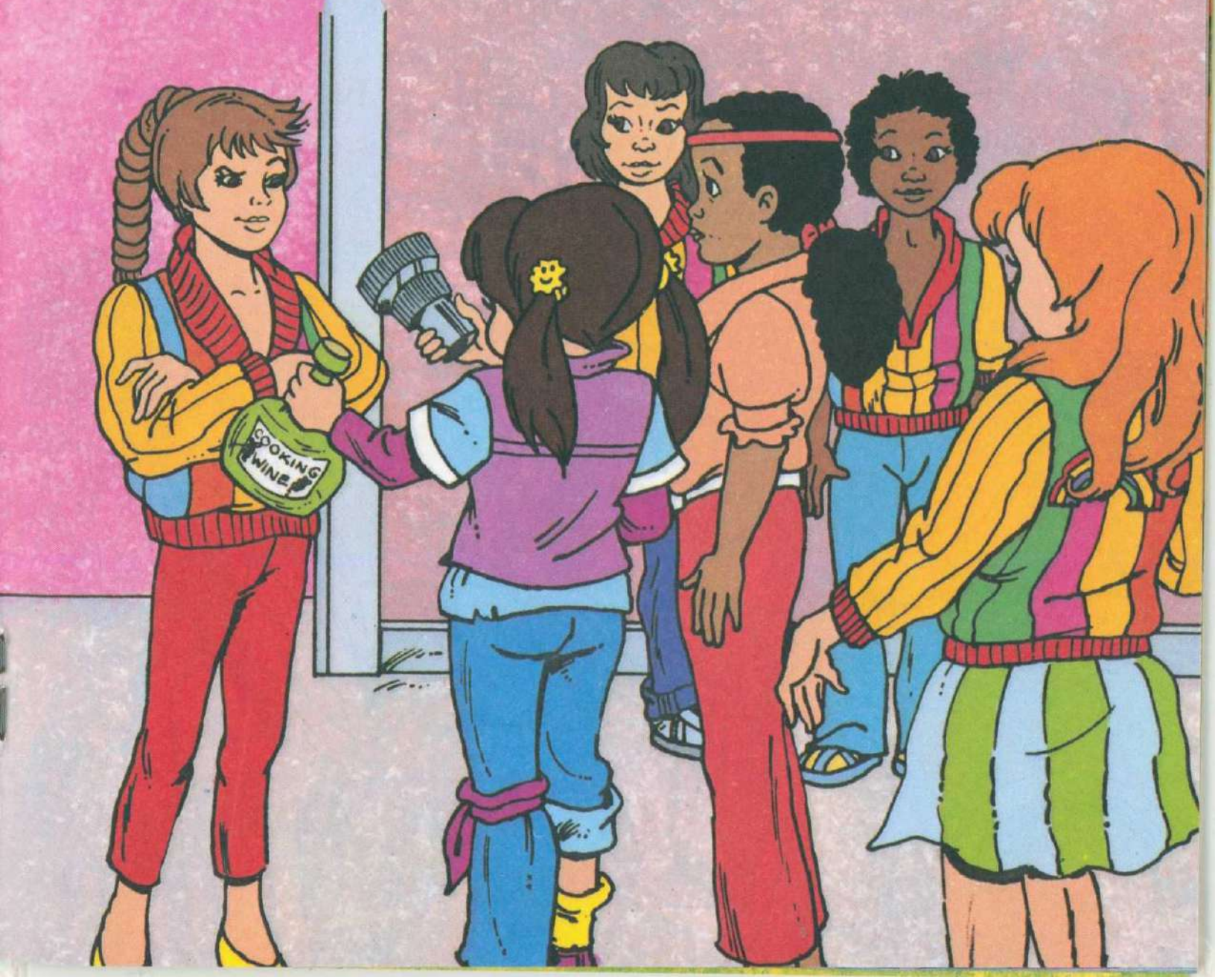
Punky found the lens and almost left, but then she remembered the cooking wine and found some in the kitchen cupboard. She felt bad not telling Henry about borrowing the camera lens, but she was sure he'd understand how difficult it was to join such a popular club.

Andrea was waiting by the front door when Punky and Cherie arrived.

"Great, Punky. You brought your stuff and the cooking wine. Come on in, this is gonna be fun."

"I didn't think cooking was that much fun."

"You'll see."



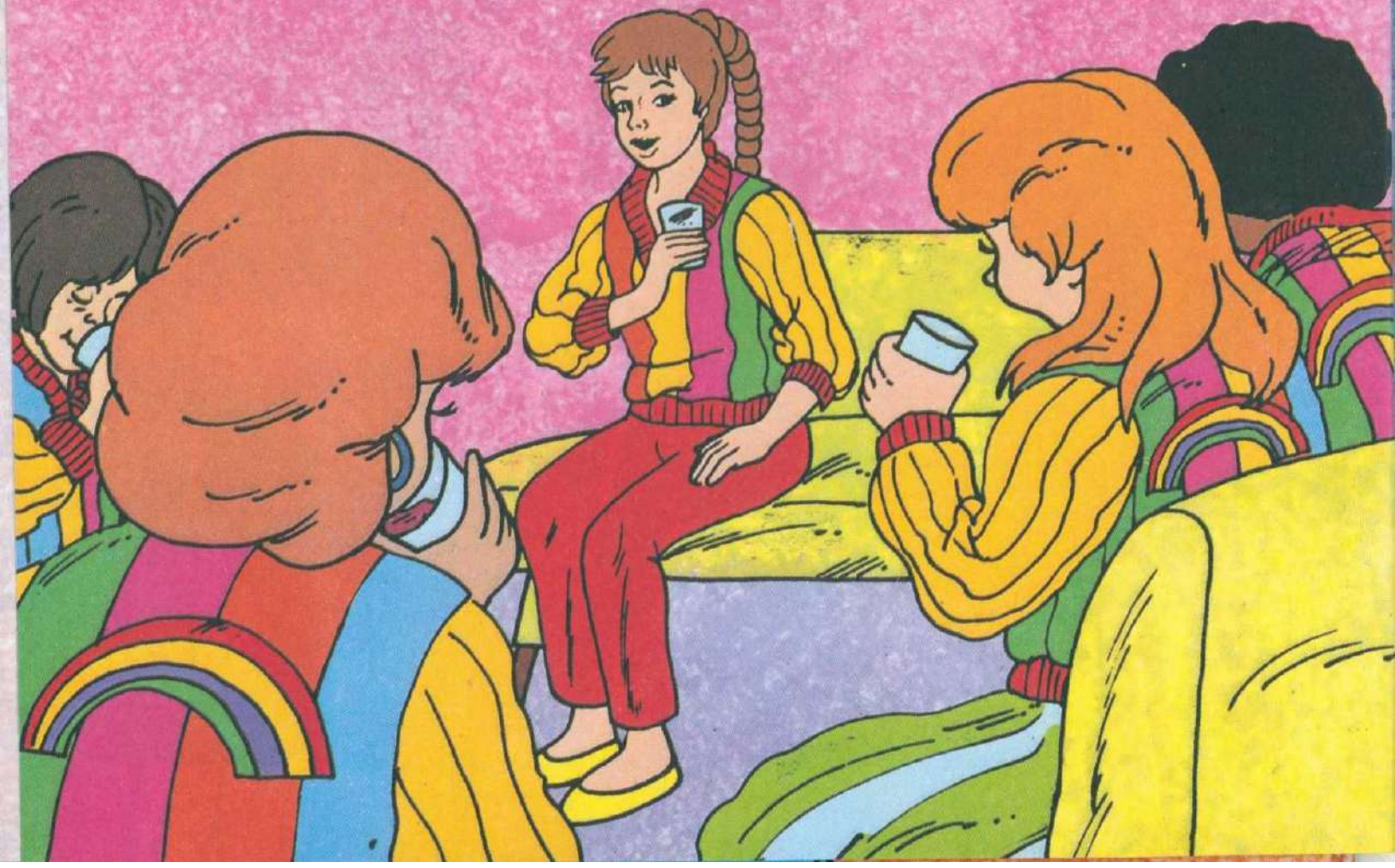
Andrea gave paper cups to everyone, then each of them took a sip. Andrea noticed Punky and Cherie weren't joining in.

"C'mon you guys. This is great!"

"I don't know..."

"Hey, you want to be Dazzlers, right? Besides, it's just cooking wine. There's nothing written on the bottle about it being dangerous, is there?"

Punky and Cherie pretended to go along, but they didn't even like the smell of the wine.



"Andrea, when does the fun part of being a Dazzler begin?"

"This is the fun part, Punky. But it gets better. Tomorrow we're gonna have fruit-salad."

Cherie thought this sounded delicious, but Punky wasn't so sure.

That night Punky couldn't sleep. Something bothered her about the Dazzlers. She needed to talk to someone, so she finally woke up her Glomley friend.

"Glomer, I really, truly want to be a Dazzler, but they do stuff I don't like."

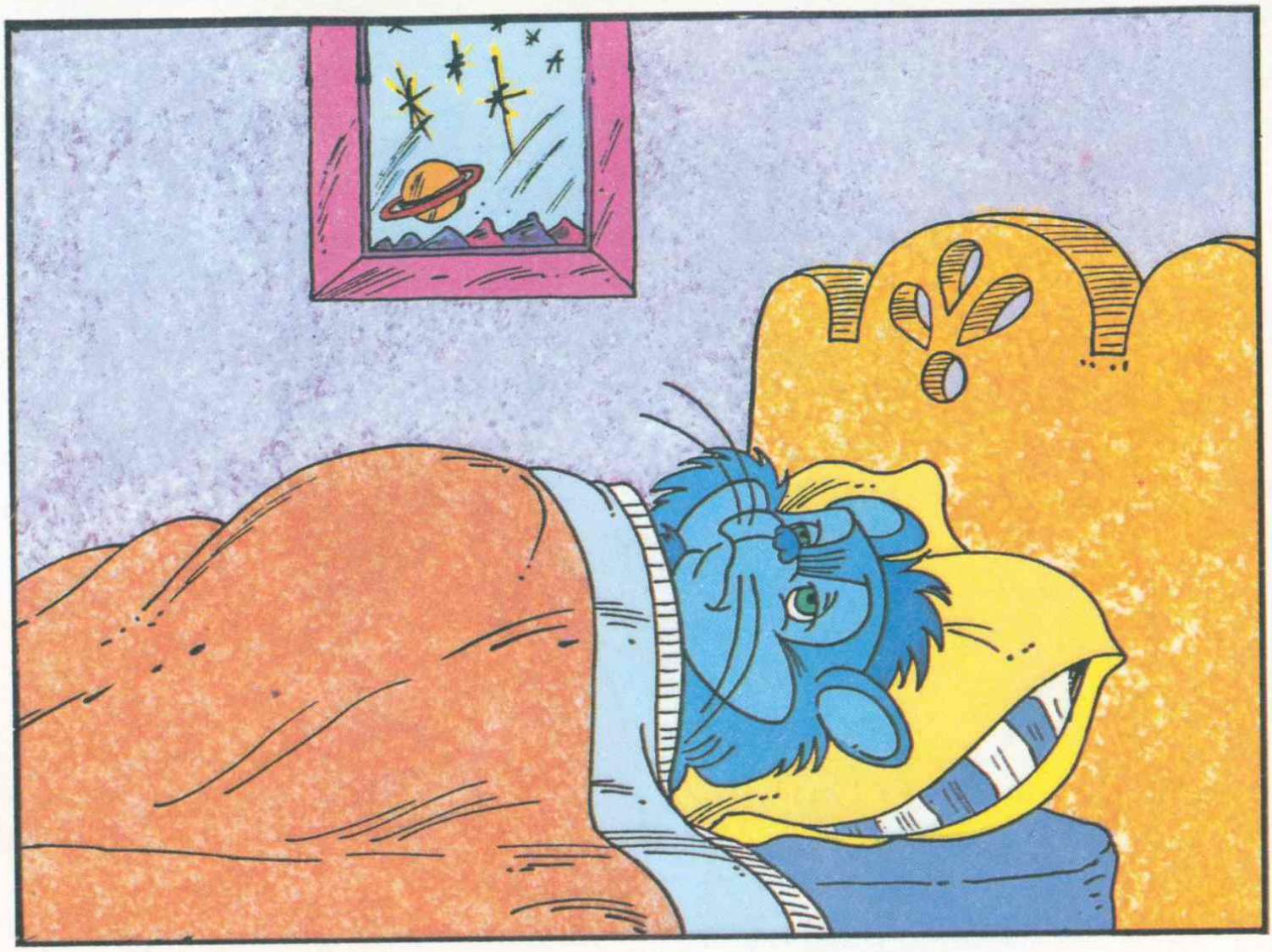
"What they do, Punky?"

"Well, they drink cooking wine. It's really grosseroo. But they say I have to go along if I want to be in the club. I have a feeling they're into other yucky things too."

"Then why you want to be Dazzler, Punky?"

"'Cause everyone wants to be a Dazzler. They have really neat jackets. I could be one of them if I went along with everything they did... Oh, Glomer, what should I do?"

When Glomer didn't answer, Punky discovered he had fallen asleep again. Troubled, she tried to sleep, too, but tossed and turned the rest of the night.



But Glomer wasn't really sleeping. He wanted to tell Punky what to do, but he was not allowed to interfere with humans' free choice. It was a Glomley law. Worse than that, Glomleys could not be in the company of beings who abused drugs and alcohol, and he knew that cooking wine was dangerous for children. If Punky joined the Dazzlers, he would have to leave her.

At the next meeting Punky and Cherie were told they'd been accepted as official Dazzlers. Andrea brought out two new Dazzlers jackets.

"Uh, thanks, Andrea, but we can't pay for them."

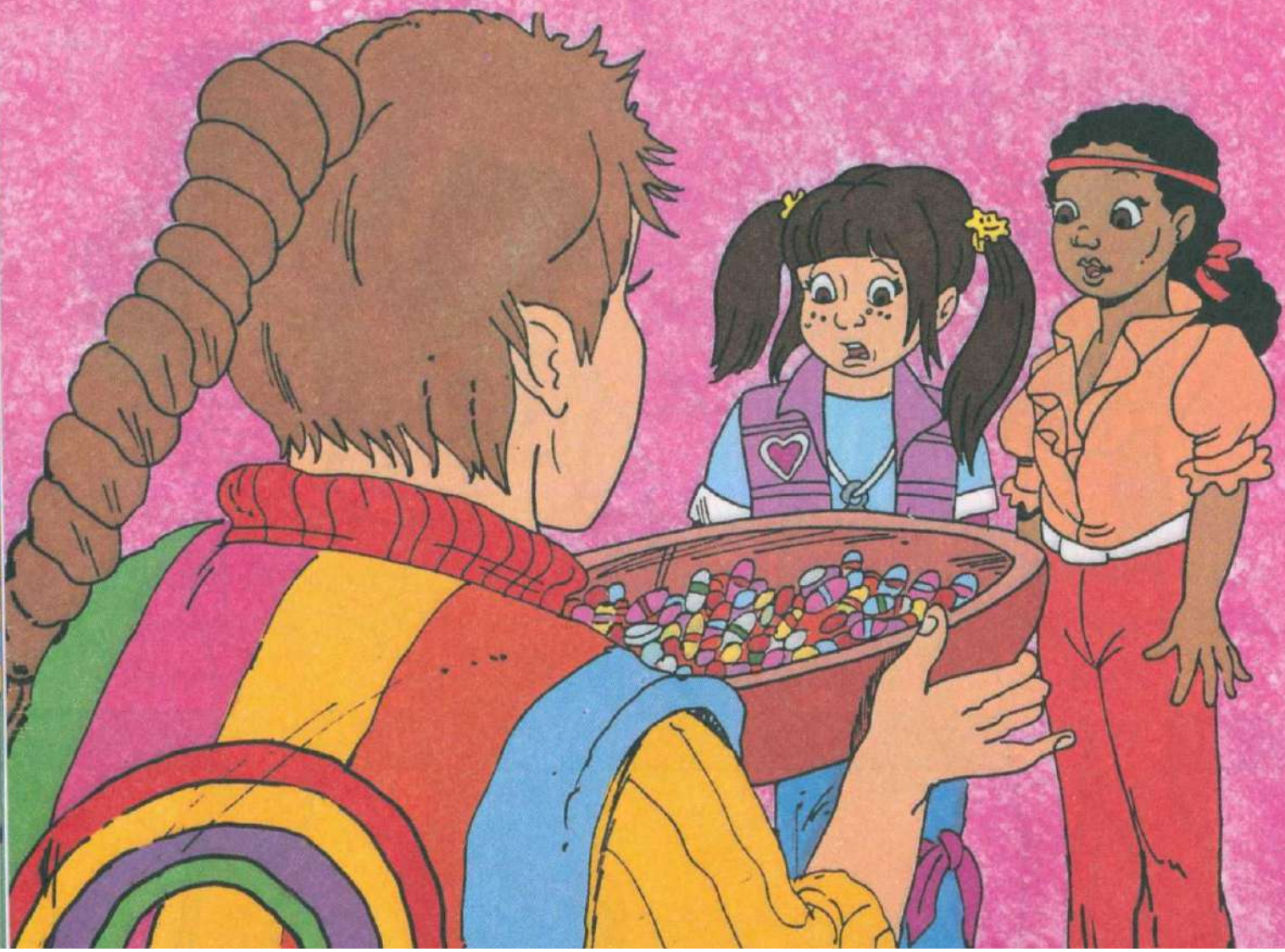
"Punky, you did already. So did Cherie."

"How?"

"With the stuff you took from your home. It paid for the jackets."

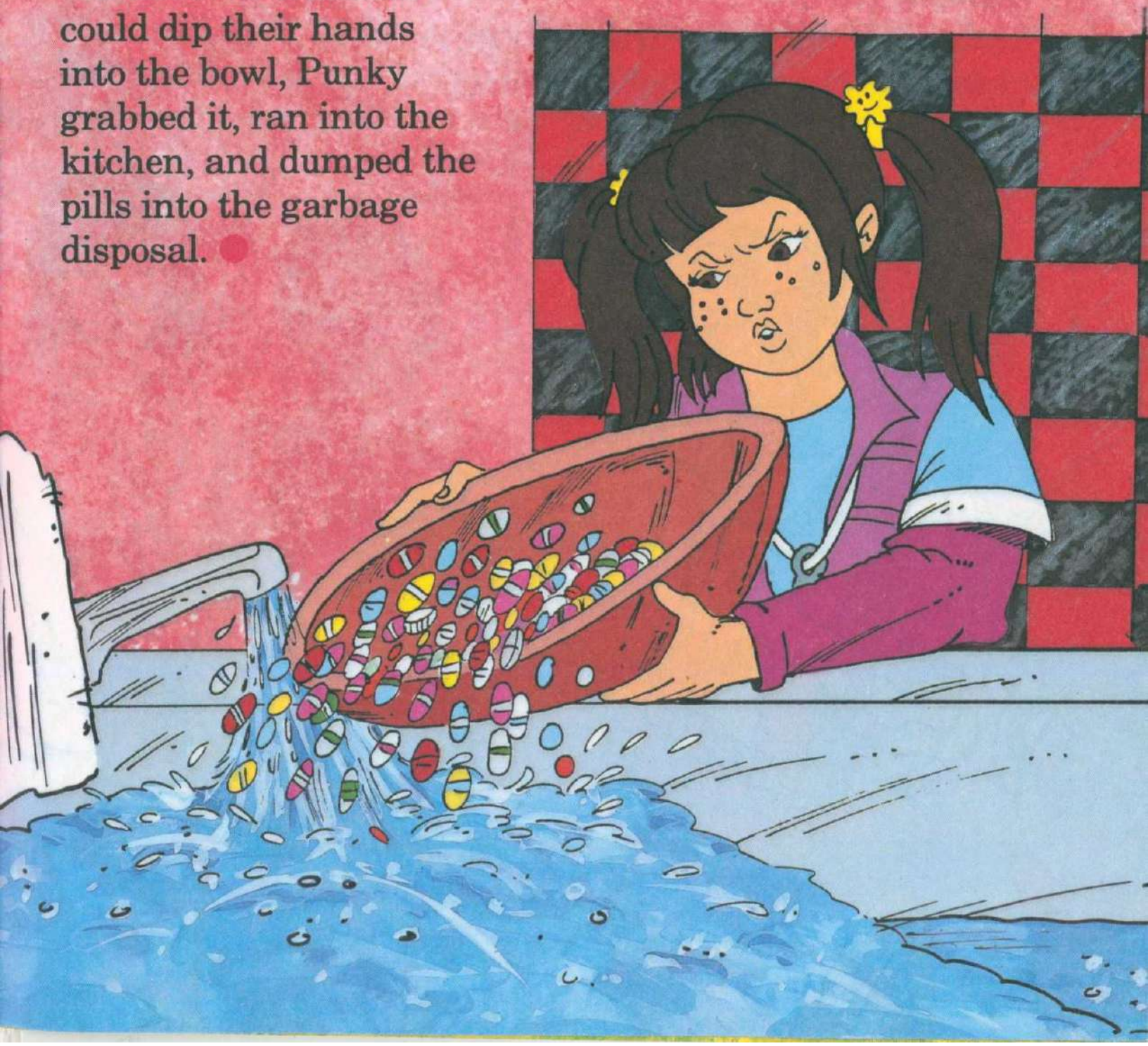
Punky and Cherie's mouths suddenly dropped wide open. They had no idea they were trading Henry's camera lens for the jackets!

Before they could think of anything to say, Andrea produced a bowl that was filled with pills of all sizes, shapes and colors. As she talked, Andrea began to slur her words.



"This is fruit salad. It's stuff we get from our folks' medicine cabinets. But it's not real drugs or anything. I took a bunch of them before you came. Now it's everyone else's turn."

Before the Dazzlers could dip their hands into the bowl, Punky grabbed it, ran into the kitchen, and dumped the pills into the garbage disposal.



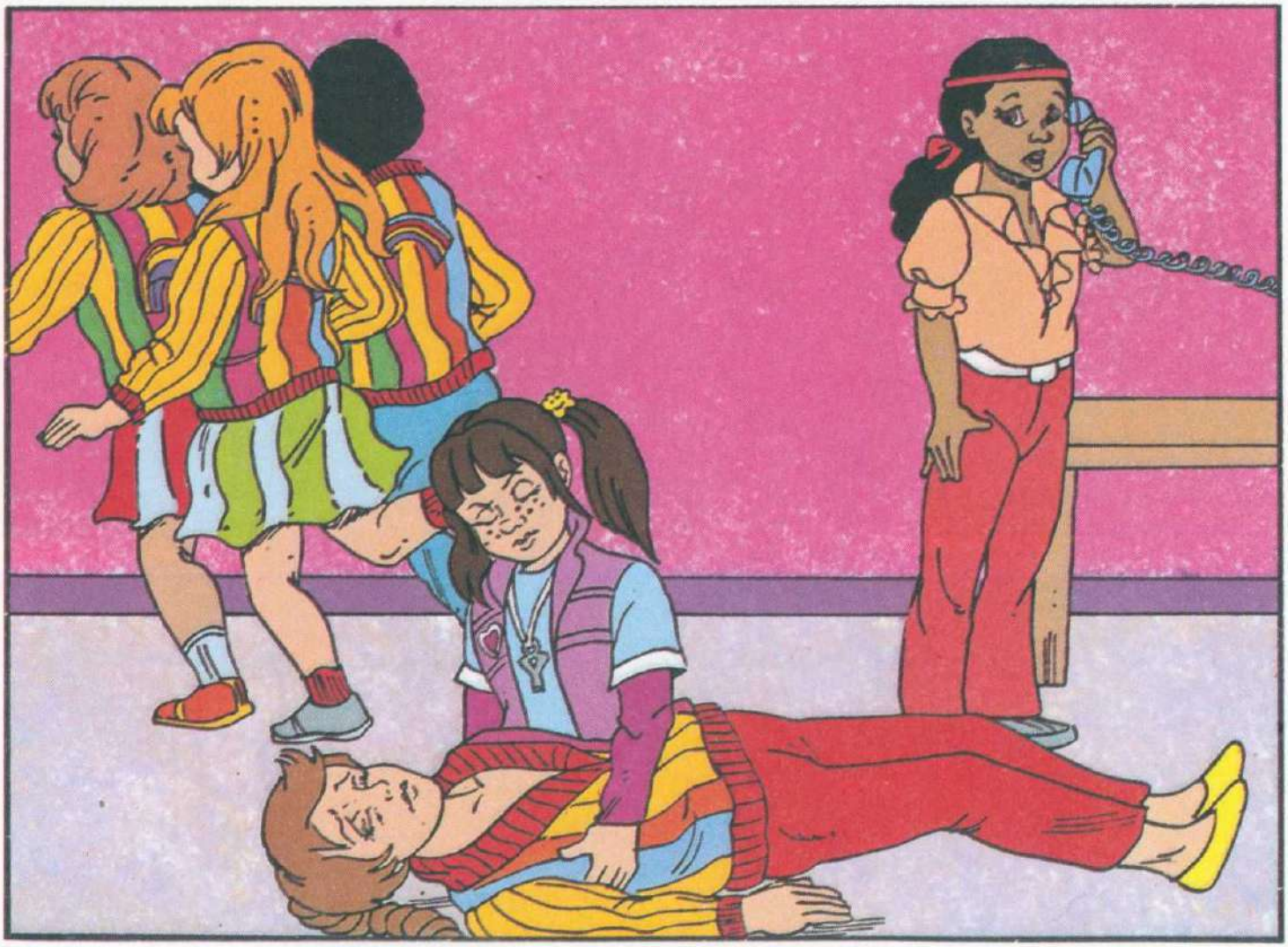
The other Dazzlers started to chase after Punky, but suddenly Andrea slumped to the floor. The girls were shocked into silence at first, then quickly gathered around her. Punky knelt down beside Andrea's still form.

"Andrea...?"

Andrea did not move. The other girls became very frightened and quickly left the house.

"Cherie, she's not breathing. We've got to do something fast!"

Luckily, Punky remembered what she had learned in her CPR classes and began trying to revive Andrea. Soon Andrea started to breathe again on her own. Meanwhile, Cherie dialed 911 and excitedly told the person who answered what had happened. It wasn't long before the paramedics arrived and rushed Andrea to a nearby hospital. ●



Henry and Andrea's parents were called to come to the hospital. When he arrived, Henry was relieved to see Punky in the waiting room, but she had tears in her eyes.

"Oh, Henry, it was awful! She almost died!"

"Punky, what do you mean?"

At that moment a drug counselor walked up and began to tell Henry about the Dazzlers.

"Punky and drugs?! My Punky?!!!"

The counselor explained to Henry that most parents have a hard time accepting that their kids can be exposed to drugs, and that it takes very special kids like Punky and Cherie to just say no. Then, the counselor recalled how the girls had saved Andrea's life. Henry beamed with pride.

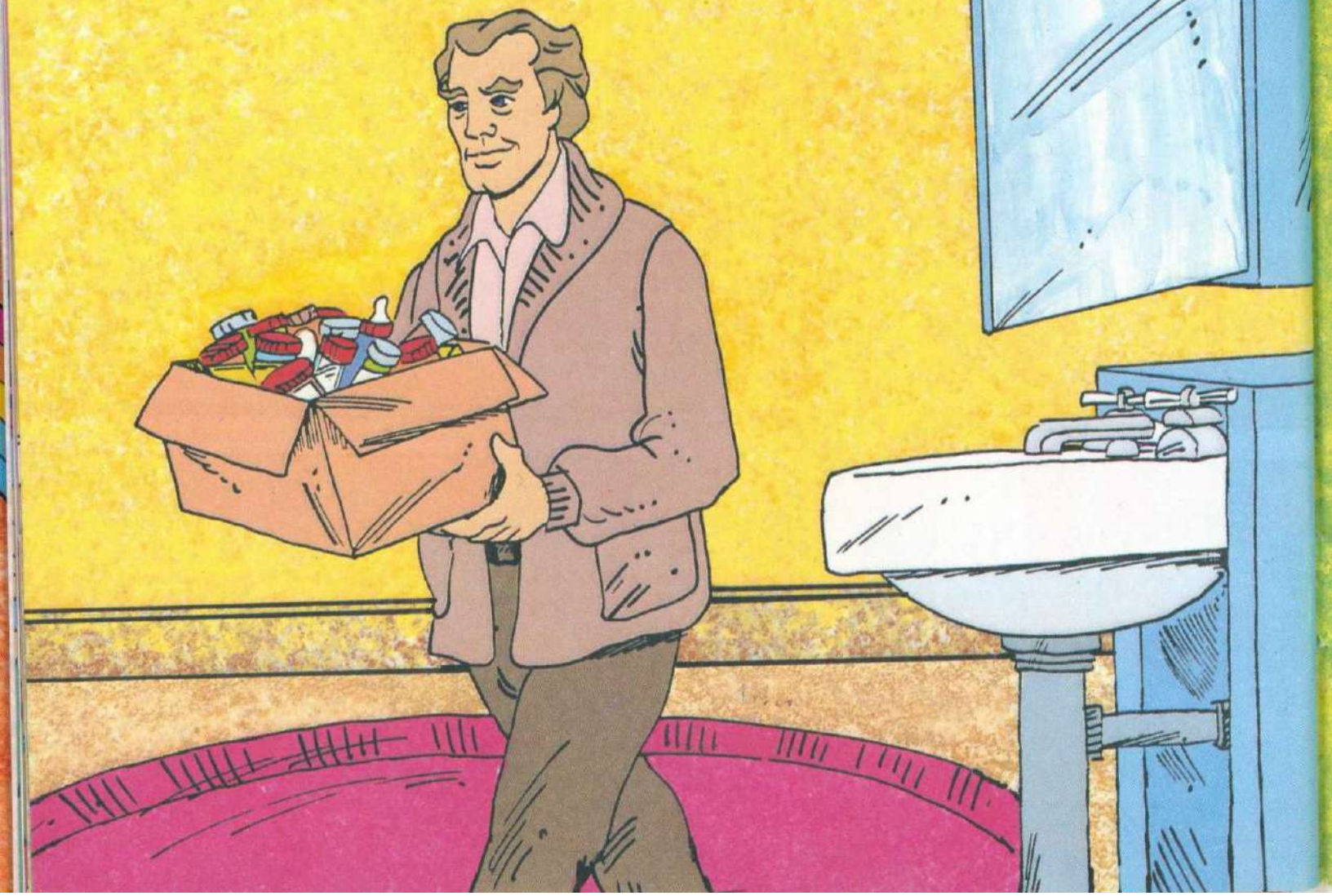
"You two have made me the happiest man on earth."

"But, Henry. I took your camera lens, and the club sold it to get this stupid jacket!"

"Taking the lens was wrong, Punky. But what you did today was worth a hundred camera lenses."

Soon after that, Andrea's grateful parents walked up to Punky and told her Andrea was going to be okay, but only because of Punky and Cherie's quick actions.

That night Henry threw out all the old pills from his medicine cabinet. And he wasn't the only one glad Punky said no to drugs. A very orange Glomer was happy he'd be able to stay with his best friend after all.



"Even though the Dazzlers turned out to be the wrong kind of club for kids to join, there are some good clubs, like the 'Just Say No Club.' It's a way us kids can make a stand against drugs. If you would be interested in joining or starting a 'Just Say No Club' in your area, write to:"

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